

## PROHIBITION ELECTION IN TEXAS VERY CLOSE

Both Sides Claim Victory and Contest over Final Count is Practically Sure. Much Money spent but small Vote cast.

The election last Saturday in Texas on the Prohibition question was so close that both sides are claiming a victory. The Pros claim they have won by anywhere up to 55,000 majority, while the Antis say the victory is theirs by almost as large a majority. Some of the counties were slow in making the final and complete returns, and have thus delayed the announcement of the result. A telephone message from Albuquerque last night brought the information that the "wets" had won by about four thousand majority. The outlook at present is that the election will be contested, whichever side wins in the final count.

Dallas, Texas, July 23.—Returns from Saturday's state-wide prohibition election received up to 6 p. m. Sunday gives the anti-prohibitionists a lead of 2,710 with nine counties to be heard from and thirty county returns incomplete. The total vote accounted for is 442,360. Indications are that the result will not be definitely known until the last box is counted.

Dallas, Tex., July 23.—Returns at 8:45 p. m., with several counties and parts of counties yet to be heard from give the "antis" a lead of 2,651. Leaders of both factions claim victory, and Chairman Ball, of the prohibitionist committee, cries "fraud."

Contest of the election seems imminent whatever the result.

The contest is the closest in the history of the state. Tens of thousands of persons collected around bulletin boards watching the returns. It is practically impossible to forecast what the final returns will show. The "antis" are claiming a victory, but the prohibition leaders are confident. About 85 per cent of the estimated vote cast is accounted for.

The counties still missing are widely distributed over the state. Some of them are admittedly prohibition and others certain anti-prohibition. None of them are very large.

The reports on hand include practically complete returns from every large city and county.

Rev. and Mrs. R. P. Pope, colporteurs for the American Baptist Publication Society, came in yesterday from Pleasant Valley, ten miles east of Moriarty, where they have been looking after church work. Mr. Pope thinks this weather ideal for the Baptists.

## COOL WEATHER FOLLOWS RAIN

Another cool fall in the vicinity of Estancia Sunday night, the showers continuing most of the night. With these frequent showers the farmers are finding it hard to get into the fields to keep the weeds down, but every little while between showers is utilized to the best advantage.

After the showers Monday opened up cool, and a coat was a necessity yesterday, while fires were not out of place. Those who have been sweltering in the heat back east, will hardly believe that fires in the stoves are comfortable in the Estancia Valley, but if they will only come and see we can easily show them. Yesterday was one of the few days we have when the sun does not show its face.

## Auto Run to Albuquerque

Albuquerque, N. M. July 20.—An automobile run from Pecos Valley and other parts of Eastern New Mexico, to the New Mexico State Fair in October, is the novel suggestion of John I. Hinkle, vice-president of the New Mexico Fair Association, and a well known banker and prominent citizen of Hagerman. Mr. Hinkle suggests to the association that the run be made in time to permit the motorists to arrive in Albuquerque on "Eastern New Mexico Day," which is to be Wednesday, October 11th. It is not intended to make the run a race by any manner of means, but simply a pleasure jaunt and vacation of three or four days. While a large number of motorists have made the proposed trip over the valley to the mountains route, it is believed there are many others who have never taken it or even thought seriously of it. Mr. Hinkle suggests that the proposition be taken up with various commercial clubs, and this will probably be done by the Fair Association in the near future.

It takes a sharp knock to break an egg from the outside, while a weak little chick with a soft bill can break out from the inside. It is the same way with the town. The knocks from the outside have little effect, it's the blows from the knocker at home that hurts a town.—Ex.

## ANOTHER CONFERENCE AT OZONE CITY

Colonel Hopewell calls Meeting of Board of Control, National Irrigation Congress

Albuquerque, N. M., July 23.—Colonel W. S. Hopewell, of the National Board of Control of the National Irrigation Congress, has just issued a call for a meeting of the New Mexico Advisory Committee of the Irrigation Congress to be held at Mountainair on August 5th, coincident with the New Mexico Development Conference.

The nineteenth session of the National Irrigation Congress at Chicago will probably be the most important session in the history of the Congress and plans are being laid for extensive representation from New Mexico. The Advisory Committee was named by Governor Mills under authority of the National Board of Control and will have charge of New Mexico's share in the Congress.

The meeting was called at Mountainair in connection with the Development Conference because there will be a large number of prominent New Mexicans present at the Conference who will be invited to express their views as to New Mexico's participation at Chicago. Col. Hopewell has already received replies from a majority of the members of the committee advising him that they will be present at Mountainair on August 5.

The success of the Resources Day Conference at Mountainair is now fully assured and the widest interest is being shown in the work to be taken up at the Conference.

## Wreck on the Cut-off

Quite a serious wreck occurred on Friday morning on the cut-off in the Abo canyon, when the rails spread and several fruit cars were piled in a heap. The east-bound passenger train could not pass the wreck until a "shoo-fly" was constructed around the debris. The recent heavy rains have made the track soft for the heavily loaded freights and great care must be used in handling the immense engines used to move the heavy trains.

Mrs. Wiseman came in yesterday noon for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Eugene Ma dale.

B. C. Volk made final five year proof on his homestead above Tajique, yesterday before U. S. Court Commissioner W. A. Brumback. His Witnesses were: Sebastian Sanchez and John W. Casebolt.

## IS JUSTICE A COUNTY OFFICE?

In Roswell a suit has been instituted by the former justice of the peace to oust the present incumbent who was elected at the regular election last January, on the ground that the enabling act, which provided that the state and territorial officers should remain in their offices until the state election. The case is based on the result of the suit in regard to the district attorney of Bernalillo county, wherein it was held that the district attorney's office came under the enabling act, and that the claim is set up that the justice of the peace is like wise a county officer. The case will be watched with interest over the territory.

## Oats Higher than his Head

L. D. Roberts and family and Miss Hancock, who went to Albuquerque last week, driving over, returned yesterday afternoon. At Chilili, they wanted to take a picture of a field of oats, and asked Mr. Roberts and the owner of the field to stand in it to show the height of grain. When they went out in it, they could not be seen, as the oats was higher than their heads. They brought back a sample of the oats to prove the story. Some oats that.

## Monte says it's All Right

A. L. Montgomery, known among his friends as Monte, told us yesterday morning to be sure and tell the people that he had just been up to interview his honor, Judge Howell, and had contributed \$2.50 for the school fund to help the boys and girls get an education. He was of the opinion that a larger proportion of the funds should go to the school fund, for he said the boys and girls needed it more than the county funds. He said he was feeling fine and would go to work again at 11 o'clock.

## Mrs. Shepard loses Diamonds

Willard, N.M., July 22.—Mounted Police John Collier, was here today with search warrants for several Mexicans, who it is believed were implicated in the theft of valuable diamonds belonging to Mrs. Shepard, of El Paso. The woman who lost the gems was at one time a resident dentist of Estancia, with a branch office here, to which she made weekly visits.

## SUITS TO COLLECT POLL TAX

One Delinquent Pays \$13 Costs after Fighting Case and Losing

Las Cruces, N. M., July 32.—The filing of poll tax suits continues in the justice court. Ten additional suits have been filed and this makes a total of 50 suits filed to date. Out of the total number filed there have been 40 cases settled and in each of these the defendants paid the amount of the poll tax.

One case that was filed was contested in court, the defendant appearing with his attorney to contest the claim for \$5 due for five years' poll tax. The suit was decided against the defendant and he was required to pay taxes and costs, amounting in all to \$13 besides the retainer for his attorney.

## Mrs. Wilkes Laid to Rest

On Saturday, July 8th the mortal remains of Viola Hickman Wilkes were laid to rest in the Las Animas cemetery. She was born on Nov. 30, 1886. In April 1903 she united with the first Baptist church of Las Animas. She was married to Y. B. Wilkes on March 8, 1908. She was a charter member of the local order Royal Neighbors. By her death two children and a husband are left to mourn her loss. —Bent County (Colo.) Democrat

A number of our people will remember Mrs. Wilkes, who visited here aunt, Mrs. W. J. Adair several years ago. While here she made many warm friends, who will regret to learn of her early demise.

## Hub of the Country

Bloomington, Ind., July 23.—In tangled underbrush on the farm of William L. Mosier, eight miles northeast of here the exact center of population of the United States, was located late today, but the only inhabitant of the immediate neighborhood found was a large rattlesnake, which slid out of the bushes and was killed by one of the party of Professor W. A. Cogshall of Indiana university, who discovered the spot. The spot will be designated by a tablet.

Professor Cogshall located the "hub of the country" by finding the longitude of observation of the stars last night and the latitude by the sun today.

Dr C. E. Ewing made a trip to Moriarty yesterday afternoon, where he looked after dental business.